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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-20 and 22-25 are pending in the application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 10 and 17 have been amended. In view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks urged here, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-20 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,516,202 to Hawkins et al, (“Hawkins”) in view of Nokia 6160 Owner’s Manual (“Nokia”) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20010041590 to Silberfenig et al. (“Silberfenig”).

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10 and 17 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the computing device integrates phone functions with the computing device’s hardware. Similarly, claim 10 has been amended to recite that the computing device integrates phone functions with the computing device’s hardware. Claim 17 has been amended to recite that the computing device integrates phone functions with the computing device’s hardware.

As mentioned in the background, integrating mobile phone functions within a PDA has many advantages. Palm sized portability is combined with the higher resolution displays and robust operating system functions of a PDA to ensure more convenient functionality for the consumer. Among the problems the present invention is intended to solve is the problem of combining phone functionality into a PDA form factor. As such, the present invention proposes, *inter alia*, a computing device integrated with phone functions within the computing device’s hardware.

The Examiner’s base reference, Hawkins, is directed to a phone portion designed to mate to an electronic organizer to form a combined cellular phone and organizer. The phone portion is a separate component that must be carried by the consumer along with the organizer and therefore the consumer may miss phone calls if the phone component is not mated to the organizer at the moment the consumer receives a telephone call. Hawkins therefore does not

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teach or suggest a computing device integrated with phone functions within the computing device's hardware.

The shortcomings of Hawkins are not overcome by Nokia or Silberfenig nor are Nokia or Silberfenig cited for such teachings. Nokia is directed to a manual for a mobile phone without personal digital assistant functions. Silberfenig is directed to a combination cellular phone and email device. Silberfenig does not teach or suggest a personal digital assistant such as a computing device directed to information management. Therefore, neither Nokia nor Silberfenig teach or suggest a computing device integrated with phone functions within the computing device's hardware.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that any combination of Hawkins, Nokia and Silberfenig does not teach or suggest every claimed feature of the invention. The prior art reference (or references) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Since a prima facie case of obviousness has not been set forth, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-16, 18-20 and 22-25, by their dependency on claims 1, 10 and 17 respectively, are similarly allowable. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendment after Final and reconsider all presently outstanding rejections. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if an interview might expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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